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**CRYSTAL CITY/POTOMAC YARD CORRIDOR TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES
TO BE PRESENTED AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OCTOBER 25 AND 30
IN ARLINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA**

Fairfax, Virginia, October 5, 2001 The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will hold public meetings October 25 and 30, 2001 in Arlington and Alexandria to present leading alternatives for transit in the Crystal City/Potomac Yard corridor. This five-mile corridor begins in Arlington near the Pentagon, runs southward through Crystal City and Potomac Yard, and terminates near the Braddock Road Metrorail station in Alexandria. The meetings, which will include exhibits, a presentation, and a question/answer session, are scheduled:

Arlington: Thursday, October 25, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
Crystal Gateway Condominiums Meeting Room
1300 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202

Directions: From Route 1, turn onto 15th Street East, which merges to become Crystal Drive. The building is on your left and is two blocks north of Crystal City Metrorail Station.

Alexandria: Tuesday, October 30, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
Mt. Vernon Elementary School Auditorium
2601 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22305

Directions: From Route 1, turn onto Hume Avenue, left onto Mt. Vernon Avenue, right onto Uhler Avenue to school on right. Accessible by Metrobus 10A, 10B, or 10C from Braddock Road Metrorail station.

DRPT has initiated the Crystal City/Potomac Yard Corridor Transit Alternatives Analysis to investigate transit options for the corridor. The study will evaluate viable transit technologies such as bus rapid transit, light rail transit, and heavy rail transit; determine the costs, benefits, and impacts of the alternatives; determine the locally preferred alternative and alignment, and financing options.

The Crystal City/Potomac Yard Corridor currently serves as a major transportation link between Arlington, Alexandria, and the District of Columbia, and includes such major destinations as the Pentagon, Pentagon City, Crystal City, and the existing Potomac Yard Retail Center.

Both public meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons needing

other assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, should call 1-888-550-2279 or email Travesky@aol.com <<mailto:Travesky@aol.com>>.

Public input is welcome throughout the study. If you would like to learn more about the study, and/or provide comments, you are invited to visit the project Web site at www.route1transit.com <<http://www.route1transit.com>> or call the toll-free Project Hotline at 1-888-550-2279.

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